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JSW- Poop for [redacted] on Brooks Bill HR 4845 ( GSA's ADP Bill )

PROVISIONS

Directs GSA to purchase, lease and maintain ADP equipment used by or at expense of agencies

Directs GSA to provide ADP equipment "suitable for efficient and effective use" to agencies and insist upon joint use when desireable

Permits GSA to delegate its authority to operate ADP centers and equipment pools and to acquire equipment when essential to national defense and security and to acquire equipment when necessary for orderly implementation of program. Maintenance may also be delegated.

Finance program by fund to which agencies and contractors using the equipment would contribute for services rendered. Agencies obtain their funding for this purpose through normal appropriation procedure to assure Congressional control.

Exclusions None. Provisions of law inconsistent with HR 4845 are made inapplicable first in general language and then by specifically making inapplicable to HR 4845 the provisions in the Act relating to exclusions, which catches us.

General GSA is authorized to provide technological and scientific services to users and to make recommendations to President concerning uniform ADP standards. Authority to undertake research in this connection is granted. President possess direction and BOB exercises fiscal and policy control. There is a prohibition from interfering with or controlling use made of ADP by agencies and notice to agencies is required on determinations affecting them and in absence of mutual agreement, they fight it out at BOB unless President otherwise directs.

COMMENTS

Agency while we are not excluded LRH got assurances last year from Actg. Gen Counsel of GSA, Brewster, and Ed Rouhana, who handled last years bill, that they had no desire to tell agencies how to do business and that delegation of authority provision was hand-tailored for situation like CIA. They said they would coordinate their regulations on this delegation with us.

Contractors still retain provision which places GSA as overseer on such equipment used under Government Contract; this raised a stink last time and expect it will again.

Interference while last year it wasn't clear whether GSA was merely to serve as intermediary in getting equipment and coordinating its efficient use in a general sense or wanted to and had the power to review requests for equipment and turn them down or modify them, this year it is clearly pointed out that they can't interfere with use. However, I'm not satisfied that this directly relates to getting the equipment in the first place which was the \$1 dollar question.

Control, use and operation. These words caused a big stink, and they were amended out of the bill during consideration of the House version noted above. A further statement on non-interference in use is included this time and the words do not appear in this years version.